



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION — FIRST YEAR STUDENTS







Thank you for considering Christopher Newport University, one of the finest regional public universities in the U.S. and located in one of the most historic and beautiful parts of the country.

No matter how close or how far away you live, Christopher Newport has so much to offer. Our dedicated faculty, technologically advanced facilities, and beautiful campus will provide an exceptional environment for your college experience. We strive for excellence in all we do at this University and we are surrounded by a community that will encourage and support you every step of the way.

In these pages, you will discover our small classes, 90+ academic programs and endless research, internship, and travel opportunities.

Wherever you come from, whatever you study, you will have an amazing college experience and you will leave here prepared to live a life of significance.

W. H. Kelly

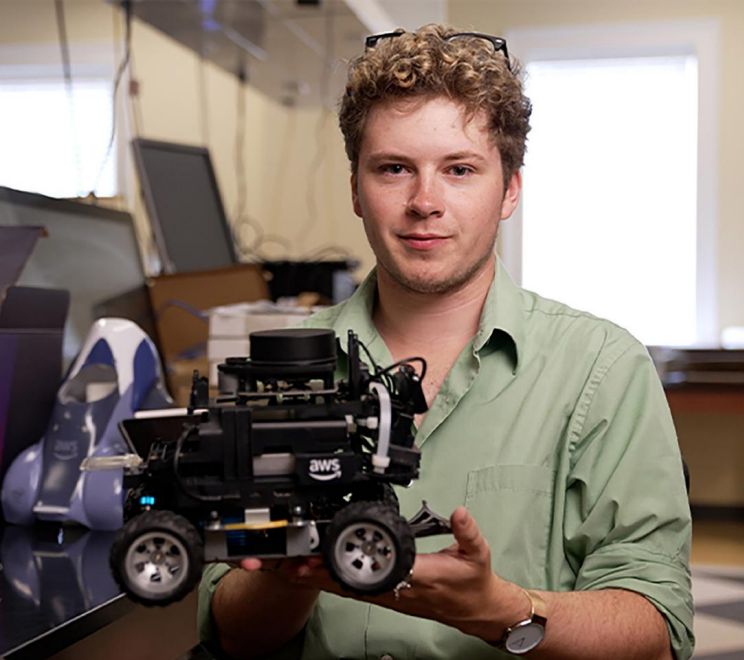
President



President Kelly and his wife, Angie

CNU AT A GLANCE





CAMPUS

Located on 260 acres in Newport News, Virginia, between historic Williamsburg and Virginia Beach and adjacent to the 550-acre Mariners' Museum and Park, the Noland Trail, and the James River.

CLASS SIZE

Average class size: 25

CLUBS & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

More than 200 academic, social, athletic, and other clubs and student organizations.

ENROLLMENT*

4,500 students; 1,150 first-year students

FACULTY

Our faculty are among the best in their fields and students work side by side with them on research that advances knowledge.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION*

Students are enrolled from every region in Virginia, 28 other states and 26 foreign countries.

HIGH SCHOOL GPA*

High School GPA: Average: 3.8

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

NCAA Division III; 24 varsity teams

INTRAMURAL AND CLUB SPORTS

In addition to our varsity teams, CNU has intramural and club sports teams that include season-long, one-day, individual, team and coed sports.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

All students are guaranteed on-campus housing for their first three years. *The Princeton Review* has ranked our modern and spacious residence halls among the top in the United States in the group's "Best College Dorms" category.

SCHOLARSHIPS

International students are eligible for more than 400 renewable freshman Honors, Leadership, performing arts and service scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 offered each fall.

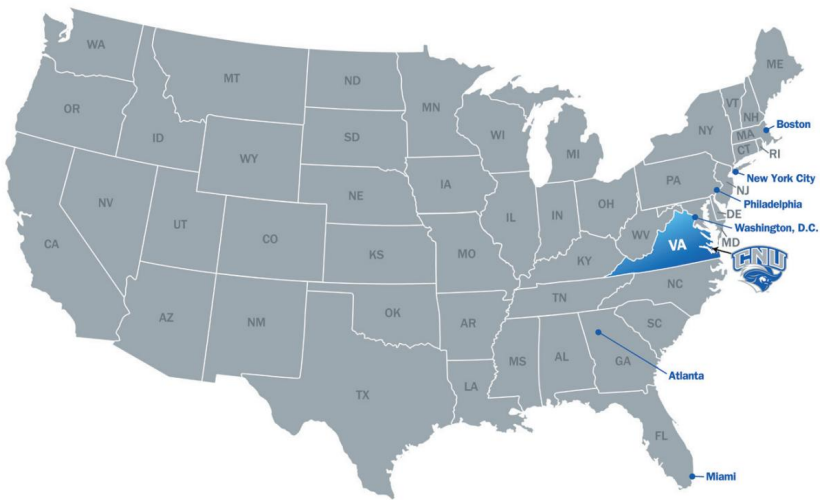
*From fall 2023



OUR LOCATION

Newport News, Virginia

Christopher Newport University is located in the heart of one of the most historic — and beautiful — areas in the United States. Just a short drive away are significant historic sites, such as Colonial Williamsburg, and great beaches on the Virginia coast. Colonial Williamsburg, just 20 minutes away, is the nation’s largest outdoor living-history museum. Pre-Revolutionary times come alive through reconstructed homes, stores and taverns populated by interpreters and actors. Williamsburg is also home to Busch Gardens amusement park and Water Country USA water park. Virginia Beach offers world-class beaches, great water sports and a rich nightlife — only 45 minutes from campus. Washington, D.C., just over two hours away, is the nation’s capital. You’ll find numerous free, public museums and treasured buildings, monuments and memorials — the National Mall, the Capitol, Washington Monument, the White House and Lincoln Memorial, among others.



NEWPORT NEWS WEATHER		
Month	Avgerage High (°C)	Average Low (°C)
January	8	1
February	10	2
March	14	6
April	20	11
May	24	15
June	28	20
July	31	22
August	29	22
September	26	18
October	21	12
November	16	7
December	11	3
Climate in Virginia and Newport News is mild with four distinct seasons.		

ABOUT OUR STATE

Virginia is located midway between New York and Florida and borders Washington, D.C., the nation’s capital. Virginia is home to a variety of landscapes, from the mountains in the western part of the state to the sandy coastal plains along the Atlantic Ocean. The different regions across Virginia offer a wide range of outdoor activities, such as skiing and snowboarding in the mountains. Golfing, hiking, bicycling and camping are year-round pursuits in Virginia, and the coastal regions provide plenty of opportunities for such year-round water sports as surfing and kayaking.

CLOSEST TO
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT



14.4 km: Newport News, VA (PHF)
43.8 km: Norfolk, VA (ORF / KORF)
106.2 km: Richmond, VA (RIC / KRIC)



4.8 km: Newport News, VA
125.5 km: Richmond, VA



AREAS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- African American Studies
- American Studies
 - Constitutional Studies
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
- Anthropology
- Applied Physics
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Bioethics
- Biology
 - Biology – Cellular, Molecular and Physiological
 - Biology – Integrative
 - Biology – Kinesiology
 - Biology – Organismal and Environmental
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
 - Childhood Studies
 - Child Life
 - Chinese Studies
 - Civic Engagement and Social Justice
- Classical Studies
- Communication
 - Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Cybersecurity
- Dance
- Data Science
- Digital Humanities
- Discrete Mathematics
- Economics
 - Mathematical Economics
 - Economic Policy
 - International Economics
- Elementary Education (PreK-6)
- Electrical Engineering
- English
 - Literature
 - Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Film Studies
- Finance
- Forensic Science
- French
- Global Commerce and Culture
- German
- Geography
- Greek Studies
- Health, Medical and Wellness Studies
- History
 - Human Rights and Conflict Resolution
 - Information Science
 - International Affairs
 - International Culture and Business
 - Journalism
 - Judeo-Christian Studies
 - Latin
 - Latin American Studies
- Leadership Studies*
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
 - Mathematics – Computational and Applied
 - Biology and Life Sciences
 - Economics
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Physics and Engineering
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Middle East and North Africa Studies
- Military Science (ROTC)
- Museum Studies
- Music
 - Performance
 - Composition
 - Music Studies
 - Creative Studies
 - Pre-Certification: Choral
 - Pre-Certification: Instrumental
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
 - Pre-Seminary Studies
 - Studies in Religion
- Philosophy and Religion
- Philosophy of Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
 - 2D and 3D Media
 - Graphic Design
 - Photography and Video Art
- Theater
 - Acting
 - Arts Administration
 - Design/Technical Theater
 - Directing/Dramatic Literature
 - Musical Theater
 - Theater Studies
- U.S. National Security Studies
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Writing

ADVISING TRACKS

Pre-Law

Pre-Med and Pre-Health

BACHELOR'S TO FIVE-YEAR MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Applied Physics and Computer Science

Environmental Science

Teaching

GRADUATE STUDY

Financial Analysis

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Data Analytics for the Social Sciences

Undergraduate Certificate in Research and Creative Activity

Professional Ethics

● Major ● Minor ● Concentration

*Approved as a second major only



WHAT'S DIFFERENT AND BETTER ABOUT CNU

Prepare for the careers of today and *THOSE STILL UNIMAGINED*

Studying the liberal arts and sciences provides a breadth of knowledge that will prepare you to take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself. Through Christopher Newport's rigorous curriculum, you will learn how to think critically and communicate effectively while developing the tools and skills that will prepare you for a lifetime of significance.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The undergraduate academic experience is the heart of our University. Our small class sizes give you direct access to experts in their fields — teacher-scholars who know your name, provide outstanding instruction and conduct groundbreaking research. Our professors possess a passion for teaching, and you'll enjoy the challenge of working alongside them on exciting projects.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

You have the opportunity to customize your education, preparing yourself to thrive in either graduate school or your career of choice. Personal attention — a Christopher Newport hallmark — helps make this possible.

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

At Christopher Newport, we are here to support your academic progress and transition into college life as you become an active part of our community. We will ask you to work harder than you ever have before, but we'll be with you every step of the way.

LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES

CNU.EDU/LEARNINGCOMMUNITIES

First-year students are placed in a Living and Learning Community based on your interests. You will transition smoothly from high school to college and, odds are, you will make friends for life. You will share multiple classes with a small group of classmates and live together in the residence halls – your own small community inside the university.

FACULTY CORE ADVISERS

All first-year students are assigned a faculty core adviser to work closely with you the first two years, helping you become integrated into campus life and encouraging your exploration of academics and activities. Once you have declared your major, you will be assigned a faculty major adviser from your major department.





DECLARING YOUR MAJOR

You will officially declare your major on Signing Day, a special tradition held during the spring semester of your sophomore year. Then, spend the next two years pursuing your passion, focused on your chosen area of study. You will be assigned a faculty major adviser from within that department who will guide you in the completion of your academic requirements and the transition into graduate school or career opportunities.

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

[CNU.EDU/ACADEMICSUCCESS](https://cnu.edu/academicsuccess)

Benefit from tutoring, workshops, seminars and one-on-one assistance that help you improve your academic performance. Students who are skilled writers will offer you specialized help.

CENTER FOR CAREER PLANNING

[CNU.EDU/CCP](https://cnu.edu/ccp)

Land your first job or get accepted into a top graduate school. Workshops, seminars, job fairs, on-campus interviews and career counseling — a full range of services — are available to students and alumni. Many students are employed in temporary, part-time positions on campus to provide opportunities for work experience.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

[CNU.EDU/RESEARCH](https://cnu.edu/research)

Students from every major enrich our campus with their creativity and action, and work directly with expert teacher-scholars to create new knowledge and seek answers to great questions. Student work has led to peer-reviewed publications in notable journals, presentations at conferences both here and abroad, and performances across the country. Whatever field excites you, you'll find a unique opportunity to explore it here.

SUMMER SCHOLARS

Summer Scholars are full-time, paid undergraduate research fellows. You will team with a professor on a compelling research question. You will be part of a community of scholars, gain research and communication skills and become a better problem solver.

PAIDEIA CONFERENCE

Paideia is Christopher Newport's annual conference dedicated to advancing important research. Presentations span a variety of fields, from art to zoology, and everything in between. More than 200 students present research at the Paideia conference each year.

Our students conduct research, serve as interns and move on to careers at the best science and engineering facilities in the world that are right in our backyard, including the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) and NASA Langley Research Center. Major employers such as Canon Virginia and Newport News Shipbuilding hire many of our graduates. We're also in the heart of one of the most historic regions in America.



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES



Curtis Patton, Examining Fruit Flies to Further Understand Aging & Diseases in Humans



Unearthing Hampton Roads: Captains' Journeys in Public History and Archaeology



Cora Barr, Performing Anna Hyatt Huntington: Theater Performance of Historical Figures in Museum Settings

STUDY ABROAD

Where will you go?

We encourage you to study abroad, either accompanied by our faculty or independently.

You may choose to study for an entire semester, year or more briefly over the summer. These rich cultural experiences are as unique as the destinations. At Christopher Newport, the world is your classroom!

Students have recently spent semesters or summers in Australia, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Greece, South Africa, Italy, Thailand, the Bahamas, Hungary, Scotland, Spain and many other international locales.

[CNU.EDU/STUDYABROAD](https://cnu.edu/studyabroad)



LONDON
2022 Oxford Study Abroad



VENICE, ITALY
Sydney Watts '23



**NEW STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAM IN FLORENCE!**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CNUENGAGE.ORG

Christopher Newport students contribute to the greater good by making a positive difference in the life of our campus, community and world. We offer countless opportunities, from service-learning initiatives and projects like Habitat for Humanity to the philanthropic work of our Greek organizations and student-athletes, among others.

DAY ONE OF SERVICE

First-year students work side-by-side with faculty and staff, volunteering their time with local organizations and schools on Christopher Newport's annual Day One of Service.

SERVICE DISTINCTION

Students who complete at least 140 hours of focused service within the local community graduate with Service Distinction. Their commitment and contributions are recognized at graduation and on their academic record.

BONNER SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Bonner Service Scholars Program is a four-year, scholarship program that educates, equips and inspires you to serve. Bonner Scholars serve on a small, site-based team at least 10 hours each week during the school year, for a combined total of more than 300 hours each year. Bonners participate in program development, policy research, national conferences and skills training.



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

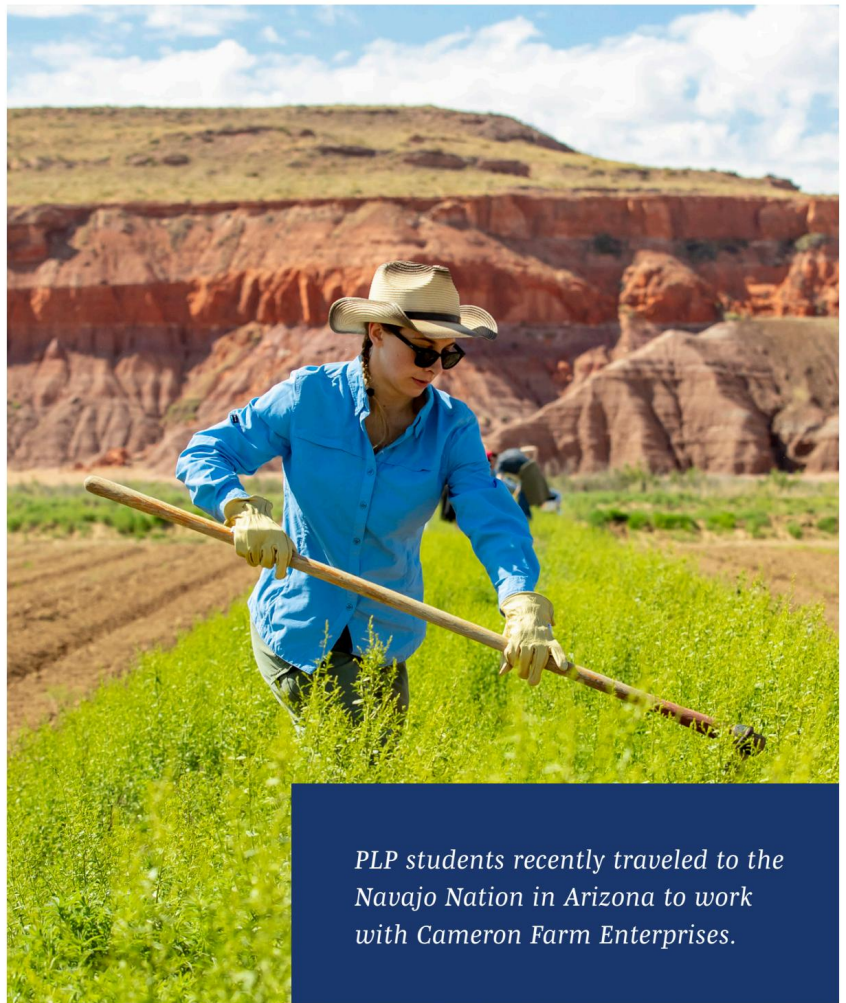
CNU.EDU/PLP

Learn how to make a meaningful impact through the President's Leadership Program (PLP). First-year students selected for PLP have excelled in their academic studies and demonstrated a passion for engagement. Through challenging courses, public service, foreign study and other targeted opportunities, PLP empowers you to make a difference — to become a caring, knowledgeable and effective leader for America and the world.

Nearly 35% of all freshmen receive a merit scholarship through the President's Leadership or Honors programs.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- + Renewable scholarships for each year of residence
- + Study abroad award
- + Exclusive Presidential Scholar study abroad experience
- + Minor in Leadership Studies
- + Priority course registration and housing
- + Summer Leadership Adventure Program
- + Service learning
- + Structured internship opportunities and experiences
- + Interaction with leaders from various fields through the President's Leadership Speaker Series



PLP students recently traveled to the Navajo Nation in Arizona to work with Cameron Farm Enterprises.

HONORS PROGRAM

CNU.EDU/HONORS

Are you exceptionally motivated and seek an academic challenge? Through the Honors Program, you will attend unique seminar-style courses on many interesting topics. You will receive special guidance and support as you pursue study abroad, undergraduate research and internships.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- + Renewable scholarships for each year of residence
- + In-depth exploration of diverse and intriguing topics
- + More freedom to customize your curriculum
- + Study abroad financial support
- + Independent study and undergraduate research with top professors
- + Priority course registration and special housing
- + Visiting scholars and speakers and a capstone seminar on contemporary world issues



CAMPUS LIVING

Your home away from home

Our residence halls and apartment complexes win rave reviews from students and parents alike.

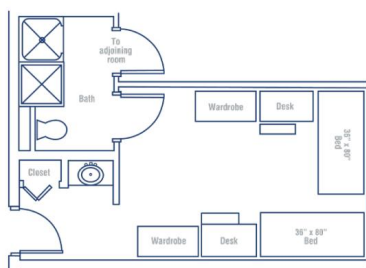
***The Princeton Review* ranks CNU #1 in Virginia and #4 in the nation for best college dorms.**

Our students live in modern residence halls and apartment suites with all the amenities and comforts of home.

- + Mini-refrigerator or kitchen access
- + In-suite bathrooms
- + Microwave
- + Basic satellite cable TV
- + High-speed internet
- + Laundry facilities located in each residence hall

Upperclassman housing:

- + Private bedroom
- + Private bathroom
- + Fully equipped kitchen
- + In-unit washer and dryer



FRESHMAN ROOM LAYOUT

For room layouts of each residence hall visit cnu.edu/housing





CAMPUS DINING

CNU.EDU/DINING

We set the standard for an exceptional college dining experience — from our friendly and welcoming staff to our excellent facilities and wide array of dining choices.

Chick-fil-A | Discovery Bistro

Discovery Café | Discovery Grill

Discovery Pizza | Einstein's Café

**Hidden-Hussey Commons
(dining hall)**

Regattas (dining hall)



RECREATION AND FITNESS

CNU.EDU/FITNESS

We make it easy to stay active with programs and facilities to match all fitness levels. With a 200-meter indoor track and a fully equipped gym in the Trieshmann Health and Fitness Pavilion, it's a great place to work out. Christopher Newport offers outdoor adventure and recreation activities, club and intramural sports, and dozens of fitness classes, such as spinning, pilates, body sculpt, yoga and Zumba.

The Freeman Center, our sports and convocation facility, was named an outstanding sports facility by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

Club Sports

CNU.EDU/RECREATION

Basketball	Golf	Running	Table tennis
Cheer	Gymnastics	Sand volleyball	Tennis
Crew	Hiking	Scuba	Ultimate Frisbee
Crossfitness	Ice hockey	Soccer	Volleyball
Equestrian	Lacrosse	Softball	
Field hockey	Martial arts	Swimming	
Fishing	Rugby		

Intramurals

Basketball	Soccer
Dodgeball	Softball
Flag football	Ultimate Frisbee
Sand volleyball	Volleyball





HUB OF STUDENT ACTIVITY

The David Student Union houses the Captains Locker spirit store, Multicultural Lounge and Crow's Nest student lounge, a great place to play a game of pool or foosball, sing karaoke, or just hang out in the video game room. You will find numerous dining options, student organizations and a spectacular ballroom.

THE ARTS AT CNU

FERGUSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

FERGUSONCENTER.ORG

Home to the majestic Diamonstein Concert Hall, Peebles Theatre, studios, classrooms and more. Students receive deeply discounted tickets for Broadway shows and big name entertainers.

MARY M. TORGGLER FINE ARTS CENTER

THETORGGLER.ORG

Here, you can cultivate extraordinary encounters with the visual arts. Whether viewing an exhibition, taking a class, or attending a lecture or gallery talk, the Torggler beckons you to explore compelling ideas through the transformative lens of visual art. Visiting the Torggler is always free and always inspiring. And don't miss The Palette Café, home to some of the best coffee on campus.



Erika Henningsen with the VSO

Broadway star Erika Henningsen (Cady Heron in Mean Girls) performs with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra (photo credit: Janie Willison)



CAPTAINS ATHLETICS

MEN'S SPORTS

Baseball
Basketball
Cross country
Football
Golf
Indoor track & field
Lacrosse
Outdoor track & field
Soccer
Tennis

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Basketball
Cross country
Field hockey
Golf
Indoor track & field
Lacrosse
Outdoor track & field
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Volleyball

COED SPORTS

Cheerleading
Sailing
Storm dance team

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**2021 WOMEN'S SOCCER
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**2022 SOFTBALL
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**2023 MEN'S BASKETBALL
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**2024 CHEERLEADING
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**



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INDIVIDUAL & TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIPS



ONE OF THE NATION'S
MOST SUCCESSFUL
**NCAA DIVISION
III PROGRAMS**



24

VARSITY TEAMS



890+

ALL AMERICANS

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

For first-time, full-time freshmen

BONNER SERVICE SCHOLARS

The Bonner Service Scholars Program is a four-year, developmental initiative that educates, equips and inspires students to engage our local community and beyond through a partnership with the national Bonner Foundation.

CANON VIRGINIA, INC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded to President's Leadership Program students with an interest in engineering or computer science.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded based on academic credentials for students with intended majors in computer engineering, computer science, or cybersecurity

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students in music, theater and dance, and fine art and art history based on talent and potential demonstrated through audition or portfolio submission

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program features stimulating interdisciplinary seminar courses and requires at least two Honors inquiries chosen from study abroad, independent research, civic engagement or internships. Honors students are also afforded more academic freedom, with seminar coursework satisfying liberal learning core requirements.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP)

PLP is for high-achieving students who have shown a passion for engagement while in high school and who demonstrate leadership potential. This program uniquely integrates the academic study of leadership, service learning and personal development.

RIVERSIDE MEDICAL GROUP (RMG)

Chosen from among the top incoming Pre-Med Scholars, RMG Scholars are mentored by Riverside Health System physicians and gain clinical experiences through summer medical rotations, as well as other medical education activities.

For scholarship details and how to apply visit cnu.edu/scholarships



APPLYING TO CNU

[CNU.EDU/APPLY](https://cnu.edu/apply)

We encourage students to apply to Christopher Newport as early as possible, in order to receive every consideration for admission and merit scholarships. Admission rates decrease from Early Decision and Early Action through Regular Decision.

International applicants are reviewed on a rolling basis and may receive a decision prior to each notification date.



Your application is considered complete and ready for review once you complete the following:

1. Submit your Common Application, including an essay and \$65 non-refundable application fee
2. Submit your official high school or secondary school transcripts. If the transcripts are not in English, they must be translated.
3. Have your official SAT or ACT scores sent directly to Christopher Newport University. If English is not your native language, you must submit English proficiency exam scores.
4. Submit the Financial Resources Statement and official bank statements or affidavits. This is only required for international students who will need an F-1 visa.

We also recommend the following additional actions:

1. Submit teacher evaluations in a core subject (English, social studies, mathematics or science).
2. Schedule an admission interview (required for scholarship applications). Virtual interviews are available.
3. Have your school counselor submit a School Report Form electronically.

Christopher Newport University offers partial merit-based scholarships to freshman who are part of the President's Leadership Program and/or the Honors Program. You must apply to be considered for these programs and the scholarships. To apply to the President's Leadership and/or Honors Program:

1. Select "yes" for President's Leadership Program and/or Honors program in the Academics section of the Common Application.
2. Complete the mandatory essay questions.
3. Schedule an admission interview.

Additional scholarships may be available for students interested in studying computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, cybersecurity, fine or performing arts, and pre-medicine



Virtual Tour

Check out our online options to preview campus and hear from current students. We offer a full 360-degree video tour and a self-guided virtual tour.

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CNU_Admission



“You will have a sense of belonging here and the opportunity to accomplish your dreams. You are a Captain for Life and we will walk with you every step of the way.” - PRESIDENT WILLIAM G. KELLY